

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A bottle cap for a bottle which holds contents, the bottle cap being movable between an open position with respect to the bottle and a closed position, the bottle cap comprising:

a cap body having an inner cap coupled so as to open or close the mouth of the bottle, and an outer cap made to rotate in a circumferential direction only and fixedly coupled to the inner cap so as not to deviate from the inner cap, said inner cap and said outer cap each including a top surface and a peripheral side wall, each of said side walls including an inner circumferential surface and an outer circumferential surface;

ratcheting means for operatively associating said inner cap with said outer cap by providing unidirectional engagement between said inner cap and said outer cap, said ratcheting means having first and second teeth formed at facing portions of the inner and outer circumferential surfaces of the side walls of the inner and outer caps and engaged to be moved unidirectionally, and first and second protrusions spaced apart from the ratcheting teeth and protruding from the facing portions of the inner and outer

caps, for integrally rotating the inner and outer caps from the mouth of the bottle such that the first and second ratcheting protrusions are engaged with each other when the second ratcheting teeth move relative to the first ratcheting teeth by stages, said ratcheting means further including a biasing element, said first teeth being formed on said biasing element, said biasing element providing a biasing force for encouraging engagement of said first teeth with said second teeth, said first and second protrusions being spaced apart from one another by a predetermined distance when the bottle cap is in its closed position with respect to said bottle; and

opening/closing identification means for displaying whether the cap body has been opened or not, said opening/closing identification means having a portion of displaying whether the cap body had been opened or not, printed on the top surface of the inner cap, and an identification means for identifying from the outside whether the cap body has been opened or not according to the movement of the second ratcheting teeth relative to the first ratcheting teeth, said identification means being formed on the top surface of the outer cap.

2. (original): The bottle cap according to claim 1, wherein the inner and outer caps are integrally connected by fixed protrusions and grooves formed at facing portions of inner and outer circumferential surfaces thereof.

3. (currently amended): The bottle cap according to claim 1, wherein the identification means includes an opening hole and further includes convex portions for covering a display portion and concave portions for uncovering a display portion, the convex and concave portions formed along the periphery of an said opening hole which is opened by perforating a portion of the top surface of the outer cap, at the same spacing as the ratcheting teeth.

4. (currently amended): The bottle cap according to claim 1 further including a display portion formed on said inner cap and a plurality of holes formed in said outer cap, wherein the identification means is configured such that said holes ~~are formed on a portion of the top surface of the~~ said outer cap are formed at the same spacing as the ratcheting teeth to uncover the said display portion therethrough.

5. (currently amended): A bottle cap for a bottle which holds contents, the bottle cap being movable between an open position with respect to the bottle and a closed position, the bottle cap comprising:

a cap body having an inner cap coupled so as to open or close the mouth of the bottle, and an outer cap made to rotate in a circumferential direction only and fixedly coupled to the inner cap, said inner cap and said

outer cap each including a top surface and a peripheral side wall, each of said side walls including an inner circumferential surface and an outer circumferential surface;

ratcheting means for operatively associating said inner cap with said outer cap by providing unidirectional engagement between said inner cap and said outer cap, said ratcheting means having first and second teeth formed at facing portions of the inner and outer circumferential surfaces of the side walls of the inner and outer caps and engaged to be moved unidirectionally, and first and second protrusions spaced apart from the ratcheting teeth and protruding from the facing portions of the inner and outer caps, said ratcheting means further including a biasing element, said first teeth being formed on said biasing element, said biasing element providing a biasing force for encouraging engagement of said first teeth with said second teeth, said first and second protrusions being spaced apart from one another by a predetermined distance when the bottle cap is in its closed position with respect to said bottle; and

opening/closing identification means for displaying whether the cap body has been opened or not, said opening/closing identification means having a portion of displaying whether the cap body had been opened or not, printed on the top surface of the inner cap, and an identification means for identifying from the outside whether the cap body has been opened or not, said identification means being formed on the top surface of the outer cap.

6. (previously presented): The bottle cap according to claim 4, wherein the inner and outer caps are integrally connected by fixed protrusions and grooves formed at facing portions of inner and outer circumferential surfaces thereof.

7. (currently amended): The bottle cap according to claim 5, wherein the identification means includes an opening hole and further includes convex portions for covering a display portion and concave portions for uncovering a display portion, the convex and concave portions formed along the periphery of ~~an~~ said opening hole which is opened by perforating a portion of the top surface of the outer cap.

8. (currently amended): The bottle cap according to claim 5 further including a display portion formed on said inner cap and a plurality of holes formed in said outer cap, wherein the identification means is configured such that said holes are formed on ~~a portion of the top surface of the~~ said outer cap.